

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND
GREENBELT DIVISION**

**WAYNE SHERROD
14802 Dunleigh Drive
Bowie, MD 20721**

Plaintiff,

v.

**NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION, LLC
515 Dover Road, Ste. 2600
Rockville, MD 20850
Montgomery County**

and

**JOHN J. KIRLIN, LLC
515 Dover Road, Ste. 2100
Rockville, MD 20850
Montgomery County**

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 8:10-cv-00665-AW

The Honorable Alexander Williams

JOINT STATUS REPORT

In accordance with the Court's Order for Initial Scheduling Conference entered in the above-captioned case on August 31, 2010 (Dkt. No. 17) and pursuant to Local Rules 103 and 104 of this Court, counsel for plaintiff Wayne Sherrod and defendants National Fire Protection ("Defendant" or "NFP") and John J. Kirlin, LLC ("Defendant" or "Kirlin")(collectively the "Parties") hereby report the following:

1. Possibility of Settlement: The Parties have briefly explored settlement by telephone, but at this time the parties believe that further settlement discussions are premature and will have to await the exchange of discovery.

2. Early Settlement/Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Conference: After the completion of discovery, alternative dispute resolution in the form of mediation is a possibility.
3. Deposition Hours: Plaintiffs believe that 62 hours of deposition time is appropriate. Defendants believe the number of hours proposed by the Court in the scheduling order are sufficient.
4. Assignment to Magistrate Judge: At this time, the Parties do not agree that this case should be assigned to a magistrate judge.
5. Electronic Discovery: The Parties have begun and will continue to discuss discovery of electronically stored information.
6. Other Matters: The Parties agree that no other matters are appropriate for inclusion in the Scheduling Order.

Respectfully Submitted,

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